

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S4111–S4230*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 758–780, S. Res. 97, and S. Con. Res. 16. **Pages S4171–72**

#### **Measures Passed:**

*Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 54, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S4226**

*Commemorating 90 Years of U.S.-Polish Diplomatic Relations:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 9, commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world. **Page S4227**

*Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of NATO:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 20, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. **Page S4227**

*Parliamentary Elections in Moldova:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 56, urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009. **Pages S4227–28**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4112–64**

#### **Adopted:**

Lincoln Amendment No. 775, to enhance future GI Bill benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserve by ensuring those benefits keep pace with the national average cost of tuition. **Pages S4121–22**

Lincoln Amendment No. 774, to provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for improving child welfare. **Pages S4122–23**

Lieberman Amendment No. 763, to protect the American people from potential spillover violence from Mexico by providing \$550 million in additional funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice and supporting the Administration's efforts to combat drug, gun, and cash smuggling by the cartels, by providing: \$260 million for Customs and Border Protection to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional officers and canines and conduct exit inspections for weapons and cash; \$130 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire, train, equip and deploy additional investigators; \$50 million to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to hire, train, equip, and deploy additional agents and inspectors; \$20 million for the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center; \$10 million for the Office of International Affairs and the Management Directorate at DHS for oversight of the Merida Initiative; \$30 million for Operation Stonegarden; \$10 million to the Department of Justice for competitive grants to support local, State, and Tribal law enforcement agencies located along the southern border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to address drug-related criminal activity; \$20 million to DHS for tactical radio communications; and \$20 million for upgrading the Traveler Enforcement Communications System. **Pages S4112, S4144, S4145**

Casey Amendment No. 783, to establish a reserve fund to fully fund the Long-Term Stability/Housing for Victims Program. **Pages S4113–14, S4146**